Grade-I, 55,001 SHGs have passed Grade-II and 38,198 SHGs have taken up economic activities. During 2007-08 (upto February, 2008) the corresponding figures are: 26,246 SHGs formed, 18,700 SHGs passed Grade-I, 10,112 SHGs passed Grade—II and 6, 807 SHGs taken up economic activities. The Sector-wise details of 6,807 SHGs that have taken up economic activities in the year 2007-08 (upto February, 2008) are as follows:

| Sector | Activities | | | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Primary | Irrigation | Live Stock | Others | |
| | 284 | 4,664 | 561 | 5509 |
| Secondary | Village industry | Handicraft/Handloom | Others | |
| | 115 | 51/01 | 179 | 346 |
| Tertiary | | 952 | | 952 |
| GRAND TOTAL: | | | | 6,807 |

**Roads sanctioned for Orissa under PMGSY**

3220.SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVEOPMENT be pleased to state the total number and km. road, sanctioned for Orissa under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana and the amount sanctioned and utilized till 31st December, 2007?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): 5412 road works having 19156.66 km. length with a cost of Rs. 6003.03 crore have been cleared/sanctioned by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana for Orissa. Upto December 2007, Rs. 2351.48 crore was released and Rs. 2041.93 crore was utilized.

**Utilisation of funds under NREGA in Orissa, Bengal and Chhattisgarh**

3221. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount released by Central Government and total amount utilized for NREGP in Orissa, Bengal and Chhattisgarh Government till 31st December, 2007, and the details State-wise and month-wise;

(b) whether Government is aware that workers are not getting identity card, payment and also unemployment allowance; and

(c) whether it is a fact that some State Governments are taking money from NREGA by charging royalty for earth work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) Funds released by Central Government to Orissa, Chhattisgarh and West Bengal till 31.12.07 (month wise) and cumulative utilisation of funds as on 31.12.07 during 2007-2008 is given in enclosed Statement. (*See* below)

(b) No identity card is issued under NREGA. However, under the Act, job card is issued to a rural household by the Gram Panchayat after verification of the details given in the application for registration. Some complaints have been received from these States for

n wage payment and non-issuance of job card. The details of these complaints and action taken hereon by the Ministry are available on the Website www. nrega. nic. in under the heading 'complaints". CAG in its draft report on the performance audit of 68 phase I NREGA districts of 26 States for 2006-07 has also made some observations in this regard. Comments of the State governments on these observations have been obtained and sent to CAG for finalisation of its eport. Unemployment allowance becomes payable under the Act if a job seeker is not provided employment within 15 days of receipt of application seeking employment or from the date on which employment has been sought in the case of an advance application, whichever is later. As per reports received from Government of Orissa, unemployment allowance has been paid in some blocks of Bolangir, Kalahandi and Nawarangpur districts.

(c) State Government of Orissa is charging royalty under a State Act.

***Statement***

*Details of funds released by Central Government and cumulative utilization of funds as on 31.12.07*

*Release during 2007-08 (Rs. In lakh)*

| Name of State | April | May | June | July | August | September | October | November | December | Total up December 07 | Cumulative expenditure as on 31 12 07 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| Chhattisgarh | 5546 49 | 22511 95 | 13090 01 | 7338 00 | 7576 73 | 5759 62 | 4141 27 | 11572 62 | 4674 48 | 82211 17 | 63618 82 |
| Orissa | 3657 11 | 13181 57 | 10267 05 | 2402 35 | 3059 00 | 643 61 | 2552 00 | 1000 00 | 2500 00 | 39262 69 | 36766 06 |
| West Bengal | 3159 23 | 10865 97 | 45207 68 | 5403 00 | 8000 00 | 0 00 | 2000 00 | 2500 00 | 3000 00 | 80135 88 | 45022 6 |

**Improving quality of roads under PMGSY**

†3222. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 63 per cent work of Prime Minister Gram Sadak Yojana has been found unsatisfactory during inspection;

(b) if so, the details of steps taken by Government for improvement of the quality of construction of roads after coming for the above facts into light; and

(c) the details of mechanism to fix accountability for monitoring the quality of construction of Roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) So far up to December, 2007, 45065 works taken up under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) have been inspected by National Quality Monitors (NQMs), out of which 8978 works (20%) were found unsatisfactory.

(b) and (c) Observations of National Quality Monitors are handed over to the Programme Implementation Units (PIUs) in the State immediately after inspection for taking appropriate action. The action taken reports (ATRs) are prepared and sent to the National Rural Roads Development Agency (NRRDA) through State Quality Coordinator. If defects in the work are rectified and the action of rectification is verified by independent quality monitors in

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.